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SAYERS.

Mr. Editor, of course we understand that your paper is weekly but if our letter gets in bi-monthly we think we are doing splendidly.

Miss Alta Owens spent a few days in Brodhead last week the guest of her cousin, Miss Burdette Owens. The rain was very much needed. We can almost see the crops growing. Miss Iola Weaver, of Clarence, Ky., spent a few days with relatives here last week. Will Owens has been practicing singing in our neighborhood on Sunday afternoons. Quite a number have been attending.

We meant to keep that fishing trip to Buck creek a secret but as one Mr. Vill H. Owens has been raising such a "kick" about what we said, we wish to state from the best authority that he was not, at any time, nearer the creek than the camp fire some distance away, and that he ate more and drank less than any one in the crowd.

The locusts have almost entirely disappeared and we cannot say we are sorry. There has been a great deal said about the peculiarity of this insect and still I know but very little about it after all.

Quite a number of native Kentuckians, living in other states, have taken advantage of "Home Coming" to visit relatives around here.

There is talk of having another singing convention near here, similar to the one held last year. J. M. Cress bought of Dock Owens and Sayers boys some hogs, paying a good price. W. H. Owens purchased a cow from James Bradley at a fair price. Sam Gentry has returned to his home in Sumner, Ill. after spending a few days with relatives here. He is a native of Rockcastle, but for thirty two years has resided in Ill. this being his first visit home in eighteen years. Mrs. Weaver and son, Smith, have been visiting relatives here. Also Mrs. Sallie Gentry, of Quail, spent Sunday and Monday here. C. C. Miller will put in a spoke mill near here to cut the timber from the Sayer's tract of land. Elbert Wallin was in this neighborhood a few days since looking for men to work in Sparks quarry. We are sure he found very few idle men. It is quite interesting to compare wages and the demand for labor now with that of 1895. What is the cause? Ask the republican politician and he will tell you a republican administration. Ask the democrat and he will tell you, good crops etc. Who is right.

AN ALARMING SITUATION

Frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic. This condition is unknown to those who use Dr. King's New Life Pills; the best and gentlest regulators of stomach and bowels. Guaranteed by all druggists. Price 25c.

LAND, STOCK AND CROP

Swine growers have no fear regarding the future of the hog market says the Breeders Gazette. No jagged aperture is to be knocked in the bottom thereof. Packers have a place to put hogs and all their bear performances are mere bluffs. Even those who have discredited the threats to put the market on a 5% and 6 cent basis have been surprised by their actions this week. Always, when corn is planted, the country liberates a float of hogs accumulated while field work is in progress, consequently the latter part of May and June are periods when buyers do business at a large counter. Announcement that they intended to do so this year was made, but there has been no occasion to put the stuff on the market at reduced rates. The country sent the hogs this week and killers bought them—licked the platter clean, so to speak. At Chicago 65,000 hogs were t into the capacious maw of the packers in two days at 7 1/2 a percent decline, a purchasing performance that spoke eloquently of packing town needs. At other markets supply was similarly heavy and as quickly gobbled. Confidence that present prices will be maintained is re-established. There may be a few dips but hogs are going to be worth the money.

BRODHEAD.

O. C. Wilmott, of Knoxville, Tenn., spent last Sunday with home folks. Dr. W. E. Gravelly has returned home after spending two months in Virginia. Walter Miller, K. D. brakeman, spent Sunday with homefolks here. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Salin, of Mt. Vernon, spent last Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson. Woodyard J. Owens is pending this week in Louisville seeking rest and pleasure. Cattie Frith has accepted a very lucrative position as traveling salesman, representing a Louisville clothing firm. Miss Maud Forbes, of Level Green, is the charming guest of the Misses Hilton. H. L. Tharpe visited his many friends and relatives at Rileys first of the week. R. G. Wilmott was in Louisville last week mingling with the "Home Comers." Wm. Francisco attended Federal Court at London Monday. The Fair Aug 15th continuing 3 days. Keep it on your mind and don't fail to attend. W. M. Kingsolving, of Mt. Sterling, is visiting his uncle, Dr. Percy Benton. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson and son, James Edward, are visiting at Harrodsburg and Owenton. Jop Albright is at home for a few days from Lebanon Junction. W. H. Benton and F. L. Nabors were down from Livingston Sunday calling on two of best looking girls. Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hilton, of Pine Hill, are spending a few days here with relatives. A large crowd will attend the Masonic celebration at Crab Orchard tomorrow, (St. John's Day.)

AN EMBARRASSING ORDER—A man entered a well known restaurant in New York the other day and beckoned to a waiter. "Bring me," he said, "two fried eggs—one fried on one side, and one on the other."

The waiter looked slightly puzzled, but answered, "Yes, sir," and disappeared toward the kitchen.

Ten minutes later he returned looking decidedly worried.

"Would you mind repeating that order, sir?" he asked.

"I want two fried eggs," said the diner, "one fried on one side and one on the other."

The waiter again disappeared in the direction of the kitchen. After a longer wait than before, he returned, his clothes disheveled and his face bruised and scratched.

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but would you mind having boiled eggs? I've had words with the cook."—Harper's Weekly.

UNKNOWN FRIENDS.

There are many people who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with splendid results but who are unknown because they have hesitated about giving a testimonial of their experience for publication. These people however, are none the less friends of this remedy. They have done much toward making it a household word by their personal recommendations to friends and neighbors. It is a good medicine to have in the home and is widely known for its cures of diarrhoea and all forms for bowel trouble. For sale by Chas. C. Davis, leading druggist.

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ADJOINING COUNTIES

David R. Francis announced Monday at the Home-coming celebration in Madison county, his old home, that he will present Richmond a handsome bronze fountain, to be placed in the court house square. Many distinguished Kentuckians took part in the exercises. Home-coming celebrations were held in many counties in Kentucky Monday, and large crowds attended them all.

FOLLOWING THE FLAG.

When our soldiers went to Cuba and the Philippines, health was the most important consideration. Willis T. Morgan, retired Commissary Sergeant U. S. A., of Rural Route 1, Concord, N. H., says: "I was two years in Cuba and two in the Philippines, and being subject to colds, I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which kept me in perfect health. And now, in New Hampshire, we find it in the best medicine in the world for coughs, colds, bronchial troubles and all lung diseases. Guaranteed at all drugstores. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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JUDGE JOHN W. HUGHES,
of Mercer County, as a candidate to represent
the Eighth Congressional District
in Congress, to succeed Hon. G. G. Gil-
bert, subject to the action of the Demo-
cratic party.

We are authorized to announce
HON. R. W. MILLER,
of Madison, as a candidate to represent
the Eighth Congressional District of
Kentucky in Congress, to succeed Hon.
G. G. Gilbert, subject to the action of the
Democratic party.

HON. H. V. McCHESNEY, pres-
ent Secretary of State, has announced
that he will be a candidate for
Auditor, subject to the will of the
Democratic party at the coming
primary to be held in November.
No officer in charge of the State's
affairs has labored more faithfully
to advance his special department
and been truer to the trust imposed
upon him than has Secretary Mc-
Chesney, and when the vote is
counted, we believe that the voters
will say "well done" enter thou in-
to the joys of another four years.

Gov. JOHN M. PATTERSON, of
Ohio, died Monday afternoon at
his home near Cincinnati, when he
was apparently on the road to re-
covery. He was a farmer boy who
rose to the State's highest office,
and in business as well as political
circles he was one of Ohio's leading
men. His health had been bad for
several months.

MASTERLY SPEECH OF HON. R. W. MILLER.

The following is the speech of
the Hon. R. W. Miller, of Rich-
mond, on the unveiling of the Fos-
ter Statute during "Home Com-
ing."

"The sun shines bright in the
old Kentucky Home," and in the
fruitful richness of a radiant June,
when, from every section of this
Imperial Republic, the sometime
gone, but always loved and unfor-
gotten wanderers are gathered
home again, and it is fitting, that
called into being by the generous
contributions of the children of the
pale schools—the little ones whose
laughter makes home bright and
whose abiding love fills this mortal
life with more than mortal beauty
—there should be dedicated a state-
ly statue to the memory of the man
whose gentle genius caught the
spirit of the Commonwealth and
gave its noblest sentiment enduring
sweetness in the lingering melody
of a deathless song.

At the first note of the "Marsel-
aise" the Frenchman straightens
for the charge. Amid the solemn
cadence of "God Save the King"
the Englishman bows to the accu-
mulated reveries of centuries; at
the swelling rhyme of the Star-
Spangled Banner the eyes grow
misty in the reflections of a patriot's
longing for the dawn, and we salute
the flag that carries a nation's his-
tory and is resplendent with the
glory of its hopes. "Yankee Doo-
dle" stimulates and "Dixie" stirs to
madness, but one song, "The Old
Kentucky Home," alone has the
power to soothe the restless pulse
of care and it comes like the ben-
ediction that follows after prayer.
It voices a sentiment, it speaks a
message, it stirs the deep wells of
the heart as nothing else has power
to do.

It conjures visions of a rich and
radiant land, stretching out from
swelling wave of river's role to the
towering beauty of the mountain
power; of tableland where life runs
sweet, and all that's fair and pure
and good makes ministrations into
man; of spreading fields; of stately
trees; of waving grain; of verdant
green of matchless grass; of cattle
feeding on a thousand hills; of wo-
man's beauty and of manhood's
strength, of stately homes, gleaming
white through avenues of trailing
trees—the center of a people's life,
because still in the center of a peo-
ple's love; of a unique and strongly
wrought civilization, presenting
the peculiar commingling of feudal
tradition and Democratic history.

It voices the impulse of the heart.
It speaks of firesides and of house-
hold gods. Its music has enriched
the world. Love hums it in a

whisper above the swinging cradle
where the smile of sleeping child-
hood bears witness that it dreams it
sees the angels passing; and blood-
stained fields where moving armies
thirst for blood, it has purged the
heart of hate; in crowded cities
heaving with thirsty lust and greed
for gold; in the waste places of the
earth; in the glory of the morning's
kiss, in the mellowing shadows of
the purple twilight; at home,
abroad, in places familiar to the feet
of man, and in the distant islands
of sun-kissed seas, we hear it, and
always and everywhere the eyes
grow misty in the shade of unshed
tears and the heart beats strong
and true, responsive to the con-
scious call of home.

So it is fitting that to-day, when
joyous whole-souled welcome
makes glad the pulsing hearts of
countless thousands, there should
be here unveiled in tardy but de-
voted justice a statue to the mem-
ory of Stephen Collins Foster.

Peace and plenty smile upon a
happy, a contented and a prosper-
ous people. Science has harnessed
nature to the service of humani-
ty; art has been led captive to hu-
man comfort; material blessings
have been showered upon us; thought
receives its recompense, and labor
has its honest wage; intelligence
is multiplied; education is uni-
versal, and thus with peace pre-
valent, the law supreme; and lib-
erty regnant, in the conscious-
ness of a deathless hope, we journey
to a future beyond the reach of
vision, saying to one another, as
simply and as truly as it was said
more than three thousand years
ago, in that far-off meadow by
the margin of a mystic sea.
"Whither thou goest, I will go,
and where thou lodgest, I will lodge;
thy people shall be my people,
and thy God shall be my God."

Whilst all of this is true, in some
strange way, the Kentuckian has
always preserved his individuality,
has never lost his identity, and we
love to look upon him as a Saul
among his brethren, so marked by
physical, racial and temperamental
characteristics that you may mark
among a thousand. There must be
reason for it, and I think that in
his history we will find the causes
that differentiate him from the
most of men.

To day, well across the threshold
of a century, for the sweep of
whose enlarging visions, the past
affords no measure, this Common-
wealth, founded in faith and build-
ed in courage, faces a radiant
morning, big with promise, bright
with hope. It is a very precious
privilege to be called to the king-
dom for such a time—to be privi-
leged to participate in the great
movements that make for a broad-
er and nobler material development
a more abounding and abiding des-
tiny, a richer impulse and a deeper
patriotic purpose, for loftier stand-
ards of public and of private life,
for sterner tests of personal and
corporate honesty, for civic right-
eousness and truth and justice,
regnant and supreme.

And here to-day, in the hallowed
associations of these happy scenes,
recalling radiant days ahead, as we
gather from the corners of the
earth in loving communion in a
place that will always be to all of
us, somehow, a common home, the
Kentuckian at home gives you this
pledge, that, burying all the bitter-
ness and rancor of the older days,
bitterness and rancor there has
been forgetting all that has been
unjust, forgiving all that has been
unjust, forgiving all that has been
unkind, if any such has been; not
in anger nor in strife, not in dis-
cord nor confusion, freed of faction
and purged of selfish purpose, in a
spirit of high devotion, with deep
convictions and unflinching faith,
looking always up and never down,
constructing, not destroying, in
love and friendship and fraternity,
we lay the honest and unselfish
service of loyal and devoted hearts
and lives on the common altar of
our common faith, as we set the
New Kentucky forward on her end-
less journey along a luminous high-
way, leading to a destiny beyond
the reach of vision, within the
providence of God.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Chairman Byrley, of the Eleventh
district, has issued a call for
the Republican District Committee
to meet in Barbourville on Monday
June 25, to determine the time and
manner of selecting a candidate to
succeed Mr. Edwards. Hon. Wm.
C. Black of Knox county, has an-
nounced his candidacy and there
are others spoken of.

R. L. Pope, of Whitley county,
has announced for the Democratic
nomination for Superintendent of
Public Instruction.

The Hon. June W. Gayle, of Owen
county, has announced his candi-
dacy for the Democratic nomina-
tion for State Treasurer.

Hon. John B. Thompson, of Har-
rodsburg, announces that he will
be a candidate for U. S. Senator
against Gov. Beckham and Senator
McCreary.

President Roosevelt last week
nominated the following Kentucki-
ans to consular appointments: John
E. Hamilton, Cornwall, Ontario;
William W. Masterson, Bar-
cum, Russia; Chapman Coleman,
Reubaux, France.

Judge Thos. H. Paynter, who
will on March 4 next take his seat
as United States Senator, will on
August 1st send his resignation to
Gov. Beckham as Judge of the
Court of Appeals. Gov. Beckham
will immediately appoint Circuit
Judge John M. Lassing, of Boone
county to the place. The appoint-
ment will hold until Nov. 1907,
when an election will take place
for the unexpired term.

SUBJECTS TO DISCUSS.

Hon. N. B. Hayes, Attorney Gen-
eral has announced his candidacy
for Governor of Kentucky and in
the following card gives a few of
the subjects which he proposes to
discuss during his campaign:

"In the canvass which it is my
purpose to make I shall show you
wherein the present Democratic
boss and machine has usurped the
sovereign right of the people to select
their own public servants; wherein
this machine in order to entrench
itself permanently in power has
created and multiplied useless and
unnecessary offices for its favored
few at the expense of the taxpay-
ers and the toiling masses; wherein
this machine has deliberately taken
from the pockets of the people—the
Treasury of the State—ten times
the amount of money necessary to
discharge a public service and obli-
gation; wherein the appointment to
office is to be made in consideration
of a county's vote in a political
convention, wherein this machine
has increased the salary of many
public offices both now and in ex-
pectancy, when there was no reason
therefor, in order to secure an ef-
ficient public service; wherein this
machine has preyed an equitable
distribution of public money to the
common schools of the State; wherein
this machine could have saved
thousands of dollars to the tax-
payers of the State by an eco-
nomic administration of public
affairs; wherein by reason of the
increased value and the annual rise
required by the State Board of
Equalization, the people are paying
almost double the taxes they did
ten years ago, and, yet the con-
stant and biennial cry of this ma-
chine at every session of the State
Legislature is for more revenue.
These wrongs call loudly for reform
and retrenchment within the party;
and the first requisite necessary to
accomplish the same is to unhar-
ness the Democratic boss within
the party and destroy his machine
and teach him and such machines
that the people of this State are
greater than any boss or machine.

Respectfully,
N. B. HAYS."

NEWS ITEMS

The London Times' St. Peters-
burg correspondent says "it is rum-
ored that the Government is en-
gaging with Germany and Aus-
tria-Hungary for joint action in case
there is uprisings in her western
provinces.

The famous "Virginia Silver"
mining case in which is involved
the title to iron ore on the State
lands now under lease, the value of
which is estimated at \$10,000,000,
has been argued and submitted to
the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The House Friday adopted the
lock type for the Panama canal by
a vote of 110 to 36. The provision
was made a part of the Sundry
Civil Appropriation Bill, and
which appropriated \$25,000,000 to
continue the work on the canal.

Suit has been filed in the Frank-
lin Circuit Court or State Fiscal
Court by attorneys representing R.
A. Marsee, a taxpayer of Bell
county, in which plaintiff prays an
injunction against State Auditor
Hager, to restrain him from pay-
ing to the Boards of Regents of the
State Normal Schools, provided by
act of the General Assembly at the
recent regular session, the sum of
\$10,000, which amount the law
provides shall be paid upon the

location of the schools, for their
equipment ready for occupancy.
The petition was filed by Rhorer,
Ainsworth & Dawson, of Bell
county, through Attorneys Chinn
& Edelin, of the local bar. Mc-
Quown & Brown, of Lexington,
have been retained to represent the
regents and the Auditor, and the
motion will be heard before Judge
Robert L. Stout, sitting at Paris,
about Tuesday or Wednesday of
next week. The petition filed in
the case raises the question of con-
stitutionality of the legislative act
providing for the establishment of
two Normal Schools in Kentucky
for the training of teachers for the
common schools. The constitu-
tionality of the act is called in ques-
tion under the provisions of Section
184 of the present constitution. A
paragraph of this section provides
that "No sum shall be raised or
collected for education other than
in common schools until the ques-
tion of taxation is submitted to the
legal voters and the majority of
votes cast shall be in favor of such
taxation."

From the hasty preparations the
Russian government is making to
check the massacres at Bialystok,
it is easy to infer that they are all
over.

When Alex. Berkman and Ed.
Golden were married last time,
they neglected to announce when
the next ceremony would be solemn-
ized.

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KENTUCKY FAIR DATES.
The following are dates fixed for
holding Kentucky Fairs for 1906
as far as reported. Officers of fairs
are requested to report to us any
omission or correction of dates:

Brodhead, Aug. 15—3 days.
Stanford, July 12—3 days.
Lancaster, July 18—3 days.
Harrisonville, July 25—3 days.
Madisonville, July 31—5 days.
Danville, August 1—3 days.
Harrodsburg, Aug. 7—4 days.
Fern Creek, Aug. 14—4 days.
Vanceburg, August 15—4 days.
Columbia, August 21—4 days.
Shepherdsville, August 21—4 days.
Lawrenceburg, August 21—4 days.
Springfield, August 22—4 days.
Barbourville, August 22—3 days.
Guthrie, August 23—3 days.
Nicholasville, August 28—2 days.
Shelbyville, August 29—4 days.
London, August 29—3 days.
Florence, August 29—4 days.
Bardonia, August 29—4 days.
Somerset, Sept. 5—4 days.
Elizabethtown, Sept. 4—3 days.
Paris, September 4—2 days.
Mouticello, Sept. 11—4 days.
Glasgow, Sept. 12—4 days.
Falmouth, Sept. 26—4 days.

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PERSONAL

J Fish was in Knoxville Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Adams has returned from Denver, Colo.

Marshal Smith has been very sick for several days.

U. G. Baker spent Thursday in Livingston on business.

Mrs. Carlos Menifee has been very sick for several days.

Mrs. M. J. Miller, Jr., is spending a few days in the city.

Burdette McKenzie continues quite sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. L. W. Bethurum is visiting her parents at Middlesboro.

Miss Bessie Mullins is visiting her brother, Luther, at Corbin.

J. W. Baker, the Livingston merchant, was here Thursday.

Miss Ida May Adams, of Sherman, Ga., is spending a short time at home.

James Coffey, son of William Coffey, of near Wildie, is in a very critical condition.

Miss Cora Lear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lear, is very low with consumption.

August Krueger, who has been in Louisville for several months, has returned home.

Miss Tauna Thompson is spending a few weeks with her grandmother Mrs. W. M. Poynter.

M. L. Denham, L. & N. brakeman, spent a few days at home with his family this week.

Charley Cummins, of near Stanford, spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. S. H. Martin.

T. A. Stewart and Conn Brown are in Chicago, where they will probably spend the summer.

Judge I. A. Stewart, of De Land, Fla., was one of the "Home Comers" at Louisville last week.

Minor Fish is working in the general office of the Southern Pacific railroad at San Francisco.

Elmer Lechleiter, who was hurt some time ago by falling from a box car, is able to be out again.

Mrs. R. E. Thompson and son, Bragg, spent a portion of the week with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Poynter.

John H. Fish has been promoted to Chief dispatcher on the Atlanta division of the Southern railroad.

Mrs. A. W. Soward, of Barbourville, spent several days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Carmical.

Mrs. Lou Boulware is with relatives here. It is very likely that Mrs. Boulware will become a resident of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. L. B. Adams has returned from Wilton and says that her son, Jack, is in very poor health. He will probably go West.

Cashier and Mrs. M. B. Salin are visiting relatives at Owenot. W. G. Smith has charge of the Peoples Bank during Mr. Salin's absence.

John Egbert Fish and wife, of Texas, are with relatives at Wildie. They came to the "Home Coming" at Louisville. Mr. Fish is a son of A. T. Fish.

Mr. Jesse Williams and granddaughter, Miss Katherine Williams, of Carthage Ill., are visiting relatives here. Mr. Williams is eighty-seven years old but looks and gets about as if he were many years younger.

G. P. Bain, of Barbourville, traveling salesman, who is well known to all our merchants, was here yesterday. For nearly a year he has been confined to his room as the result of a run away of his team, in which his right leg and foot was mashed so badly that for a long time it seemed that amputation was the only hope for his recovery. He still goes on crutches.

Hon. R. A. Tomlinson was over from Lancaster yesterday on special business.

Cashier J. W. Hutcheson and R. H. Hamm of Brodhead were here yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, of Libertyville, Ill., spent Saturday until Monday with the family of Mrs. Smith's brother, Cashier W. L. Richards.

Mr. N. L. Kirtley, of Savannah, Mo., a relative of Mrs. W. M. Poynter, is spending several days here. Mr. Kirtley left Rockcastle about thirty-six years ago.

Mr. James Crawford, of Carthage, Ill., a cousin of the late James Crawford, of near Brodhead, spent a few days here this week. Mr. Crawford left this county fifty-five years ago and had never visited his boyhood home since.

Rev. A. J. Pike, A. E. Albright and W. H. Sowder were here Wednesday soliciting aid to erect a new Baptist church at Brodhead the old church being rendered unsuitable by a wind storm several months ago. They met with very favorable results.

S. M. Cummins, of Kansas, is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. H. Martin. Mr. Cummins left this county when a very young man and is now enjoying the reward of a wise move. He has 500 acres of wheat to harvest besides his other crops.

Mrs. R. A. Freidrich, Mrs. Rebecca Newcomb and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold Borle, of Cal., came to Louisville last week. They will come on to Mt. Vernon as soon as Mrs. Newcomb, who is eighty-five years old, recovers from some slight injuries received by a fall while en route.

LOCAL

Remember the dates of the Lancaster Fair, July 18, 19 and 20.

Read the ad. of S. B. Ramsey which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. J. C. Carmical will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BORN:—To the wife of Millard Hyden on June 20th, a 4lb girl christened Jewel Cleo.

One hundred men wanted at Sparks Quarry and Mullins Station Good wages. W. J. SPARKS.

W. J. Sparks will pay \$1.65 per day for sledgers and \$1.25 to \$1.50 for loaders and muckers, at his quarries. Apply at once if you want work.

Chint Lear was here Monday soliciting aid to build a church near J. M. Lear's place. It will be denominational. He secured something like \$100.

Mr. Holland Kinley, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Sowder, a daughter of Riley Sowder, of Pulaski, were married yesterday. The Rev. B. S. Davault officiated.

MARRIED:—A. J. Pike, a son of Jesse Pike, and Miss Ethel Rich were married at the home of the bride near Livingston Tuesday. The Rev. Moberly officiated.

CLUBBING OFFER:—Until further notice we will furnish the Signal and Weekly Courier Journal for \$1.50 a year, or the Signal and Louisville Herald (Daily) for \$2.00 Cash must accompany all orders under this arrangement.

TAKEN UP:—Red cow, de-horned, with small hole in left ear and bell on. Owner can have same by proving her and paying expenses. At my place near Parson's Store, on old Richmond road.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky.

DEAD:—Miss Georgia Haves, aged 19, died Tuesday morning, after an illness of nearly a year, of consumption. One year ago this spring she had measles, which settled on her lungs and she had been gradually going down ever since. She was a daughter of the late Thomas Haves, her mother is Mrs. Mary M. Haves, who used to be Miss Mary Griffin, a sister of Circuit Court Clerk J. F. Griffin. The burial took place Wednesday at the Hiatt burying ground after short but appropriate services conducted at the grave by the Rev. M. G. Fish.

Bob Cooper, of the southern part of the county, one of our well-to-do and substantial citizens died Wednesday morning, after an illness of only a few days.

J. Fish has definitely decided to erect a concrete building and has placed a contract for the erection of same. Work on the foundation has already begun. The blocks used in the construction will be made here.

The number of "Home Comers" to Rockcastle is by no means the number expected, but this is attributed to the busy time of the year, especially for the western farmers and a large majority of those who have left this county and gone west are farmers.

We call attention to the speech of the Hon R W Miller, Democratic candidate for Congress in this district, delivered on the unveiling of the Foster Statue at Louisville, during "Home Coming," which appears elsewhere in this issue. It is a masterly effort.

WANTED:—Gentleman or Lady with good reference, to travel by rail or with rig, for a firm of \$250,000.00 capital. Salary \$1,072.00 per year and expenses; salary paid weekly and expenses advanced. Address, with stamp,

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NOTICE.

Our Institute will be held beginning Monday July 2nd. All teachers holding certificates for this county or those that expect to be examined during the year are required to attend. Fee \$1.50. Come without excuse.

G. M. BALLARD, County, Supt. The people of Lancaster will have an old time stock fair July 18 and 20. A fine band of music has been engaged and good premiums hung up for all classes of stock. A genuine old fashioned welcome will be given all, and a good time is insured. The grounds are beautiful and every accommodation is right up to date.

Since the little fire of last Sunday week, which caused considerable excitement for a short time, especially to the property owners along South Main, it has been agreed by a majority, if not all of them, that they cover all buildings with steel, which is indeed a wise and most likely a beneficial move. W. B. Smith in whose property the fire originated has already started the ball moving and we trust that all others will do likewise as the welfare of that side of the street demands it.

There will be a Union Singing at Brodhead Fair Grounds Wednesday July 4, 1906. Everybody invited to attend and bring a basket full of dinner. There will be no free for all dinner on the grounds. Each class expected to furnish their own dinners. A number of classes have already told us that they were coming. We hope to have at least ten classes. The music will not be restricted entirely to sacred music. Every national air, quartets, etc. will be appropriate and appreciative.

W. A. OWENS
A. E. ALBRIGHT
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COMPROMISED:—Mr. Martin, Attorney for the L. & N. railroad, was here yesterday and made settlements with the administrators of Geo. V. Ponder, P. W. Tharp and Francis Weaver, the three Brodhead boys who were killed in a wreck in the Louisville yards some weeks ago. The amount paid each was \$5,000. In the case of Martin Hilton, also of Brodhead, who was killed in the same wreck, no settlement was made, because of some questions in litigation regarding the administrator. Mrs. Weaver was appointed administratrix for her husband, but in the case of Tharp and Ponder we were unable to learn who the administrators or administratrix are.

A FEW STATISTICS CONCERNING ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

Rockcastle was formed, 1809
Organized 1810
Had its first railroad 1868
Telegraph 1862
Built By U. S. Government.
Telephone Line 1896
Erected by A. H. Bastin and James Maret; connecting with Central Kentucky via Crab Orchard.
Court House 1810
Legal hanging 1841
Mewspaper (SIGNAL) 1887
County Fair (Brodhead) 1896
Clerk's office burned 1871
New Court House built 1873
New jail 1887

LIVINGSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond left Sunday night for an eastern trip of several weeks.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Caswell returned Monday from Louisville where Mr. Caswell has been working.—Mrs. George Pope returned from Paris Saturday where she was called to the bedside of her niece Mrs. W. T. Merimee.—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oliver and family have returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Lebanon Junction.—Morris Brown, of Mt. Vernon, was in town Monday.

Messrs. Harry Lee and John Johnson spent Sunday in Lancaster.—Miss Clyde Lear of Mt. Vernon is the charming guest of Miss Lida Cook.—Hon. F. F. Bobbitt, of Crab Orchard, was in town Sunday and Monday on business.—Miss Lizzie Adams stopped over one day at Mrs. G. D. Cook's on her way to Mt. Vernon from Berea.—Mr. Chas. Rice, Jr. spent a few days with homefolk this week.—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullins, of Corbin, spent a few days this week at the home of W. F. Tubbs.—The ladies of the Christian church gave an ice cream supper Monday evening which was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. They realized about thirty-five dollars.—Rev. and Mrs. Walton have returned from a visit to Barbourville. Mr. Walton filled his regular appointment.—Mrs. Ludlow Lambdin and Mr. Elijah Longmire of Andersonville, Tenn., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Lambdin's brother Frank Longmire.—Misses Mattie McFerron and Mayne Jones were guests of Mrs. W. J. Childress Monday and Tuesday.

Master Ben Fishback is spending a month in Louisville with relatives and friends.—MARRIED: Mr. James Moberly and Miss Nannie Stewart were married at the home of the bride last Tuesday evening. They will go to house keeping in one of the cottages on Sumbrook Heights.—Mrs. Edgar Hays and son, of Paris, are spending the week with relatives here.—Mr. T. Griffin spent several days with homefolks this week.—Hon. S. D. Lewis spent Saturday and Sunday in town the guest of his brother, W. M. Lewis.—Little Miss Nettie Rice left Wednesday for a visit to Stanford.—Mrs. Mary Carson, of Covington, is visiting her nieces, Mrs. Joe Dickerson and Miss Lela Sumbrook.—Dr. W. J. Childress and E. S. Woodrill were in Richmond Tuesday.—Dr. W. J. Childress was called to Beet's sawmill over in Laurel county Wednesday to see his sawyer, Mr. Durmon, who had met with a very serious accident having one arm almost severed from the body by the saw.

THE BREATHITT CASES. The coils seem to be tightening around Judge James Hargis, of Jackson, who is charged with the murder of Dr. Cox, and has been in jail for several days. Judge Lewis, of Leslie county, is Special Judge, and Hargis' application for bail was heard Wednesday. Curt Jett was here Tuesday night on his way to Jackson and spent the night in the Winchester jail. He has made a lengthy confession in which he says he killed Cockrell and Marcum, but had nothing to do with the killing of Cox. He says Judge Hargis made arrangements for these murders. His confession bears out in most things the testimony formerly given in these cases. Wednesday Asbury Spicer testified at Jackson and said John Smith fired the shot that killed Cox. Abner Smith, the two Spicers and Elbert Hargis were in the crowd; that Judge Hargis gave him \$100 and a cow for his part in the work.

Mose Feltnor, who is working in an iron foundry in Hamilton, Ohio, passed through here Wednesday on his way to Jackson to testify. He expressed satisfaction that Jett's confession had confirmed Feltnor's statement. Jett says so far as he knows Senator Hargis or B. F. French had nothing to do with these killings. Ed Callahan and Elbert Hargis have been arrested charged with participation in the killing of Dr. Cox.—Winchester Democrat.

A man who is in perfect health so he can do an honest days work when necessary, has much for which he should be thankful. Mr. L. C. Rogers of Branchton, Pa., writes that he was not only unable to work, but he couldn't stoop over to tie his own shoes. Six bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure made a new of him. He says, "Success to Foley's Kidney Cure." Chas. C. Davis, leading druggist.

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CASH STORE, Church St., Mt. Vernon.

FREE TRIP:—If you want a free trip to Mammoth Cave, now is the time to enter the SIGNAL contest. All that is required to get the trip, all expenses paid, is a club of twenty-five (25) new cash subscribers of \$1.00 to the MT. VERNON SIGNAL. There are already several who have begun making up clubs. The trip will take place some time in August. Just make up your mind that you intend to make the trip and it is half made.

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See this great country for yourself and pick out a location. Descriptive literature, with maps, free on request.

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MAGAZINE SECTION.

MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KY., JUNE 22, 1906.

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NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS.

SKETCH OF THE LOVELY WHITE HOUSE BRIDE OF THE DAYS OF GENERAL GRANT.

She Met Algernon Sartoris, Her Future Husband, on Shipboard on Return European Trip—Is Mother of Three Children.

No American girl, not even President Roosevelt's daughter, ever had a more brilliant wedding than Nellie Grant, the beloved child of the great Civil War hero; yet of late years the public, which has always taken a kindly interest in Gen. Grant's family, has heard comparatively little of his only daughter.

When Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow of the President, was living, her daughter spent much time with her mother at the latter's home in the city of Washington, but since the death of her mother Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris can scarcely be said to have had a fixed residence in any American city. However, she has always been very fond of St. Louis, and she made her home in the Missouri metropolis during most of the time the recent World's Fair was in progress there.

Possibly the liking of Mrs. Sartoris for St. Louis is to be attributed to the fact that her birth, in August, 1855, occurred at her grandfather Dent's country home near St. Louis, the birthplace of her mother. When General Grant was elected President, and indeed during the first three years that he and his wife lived at the White House, the daughter was at school. Toward the close of President Grant's first term, however, Miss Nellie made her social debut at the Presidential mansion, and her cadet brother, home from West Point, was her escort and companion.

MET PRINCE CHARMING.

General Grant's daughter made a tour of Europe soon after she formally entered society, and everywhere received the most distinguished attentions from the royal families of Great Britain and the Continent. On the way home on the steamer Russia she met Mr. Sartoris, the Prince Charming who was later to win her heart and hand. From the moment that the engagement of Miss Grant was announced the whole American people manifested an interest in the bride-to-be which never found a parallel save in the enthusiasm for Alice Roosevelt.

The fact that the lucky man was an Englishman and not a citizen of the republic, while it was a matter of deep regret to many persons, including President Grant himself, was not allowed to cast a damper upon the joyous occasion. Mr. Algernon Sartoris was but twenty-three years of age and Miss Grant was only nineteen when, on Thursday, May 21, 1874, they were

Mrs. Grant accompanied the young couple to New York, whence they sailed for England.

BLESSED WITH CHILDREN.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris had three children, two daughters and a son. The son, who bears his father's name, Algernon, was for a time an officer in the United States army and saw some service in the Philippines, but his health compelled the abandonment of a military career. During the past few years he has traveled extensively, and some months ago was married to a very beautiful young woman in Paris. The eldest daughter, Vivian, was married a year or two since, but the younger daughter, Rosemary, the beauty of the family, is still unmarried. Some months since much discussion was precipitated when it was rumored that she was engaged to the son of one of the Confederate generals who fought against General Grant in the campaigns of the Civil War.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris is a woman who has always been held in high esteem by a large circle of feminine friends. From her school days she has seemed to inspire the regard of members of her own sex, and some idea of her popularity may be formed from the fact that on the occasion of her wedding she was attended by eighteen bridesmaids, all gowned alike. Mrs. Sartoris is several years younger than her famous brother, Gen. Fred D. Grant, of the United States Army, but her birthday was three years earlier than that of Jesse Grant, the youngest member of this famous family.

A LUXURIOUS AUTO.

Capt. Lars Anderson's Wonderful Machine of French Manufacture.

Of all the automobiles ever turned out by French or other manufacturers, the one lately made for Capt. Lars Anderson, of Boston, seems to be entitled to the prize for originality. It is a huge machine fitted up for long journeys and in point of speed equals any of the present-day touring cars. The Anderson car is fitted out with reversible furniture. There is a combination bed and bureau that is certainly a work of art, and then there is a cook stove and dining table arrangement that can be hauled out at a moment's notice. The whole machine, in fact, is a kind of miniature hotel on wheels with accommodations for eating, sleeping, working or idling, according to the fancy of the owner or his guests.

A Family Affair.

"Once upon a time there lived a good man of New York, who was soliciting contributions for the erection of an orphan asylum," said the story-teller. "He had been to many rich people and received liberal contri-

BEET-SUGAR GROWING.

GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS HEALTHY GROWTH IN NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Colorado Leads—Industry Everywhere Proving a Powerful Aid to Agricultural, Industrial and Social Development.

In spite of apparent efforts to cripple or kill it off, the beet-sugar industry of the United States is making steady progress.

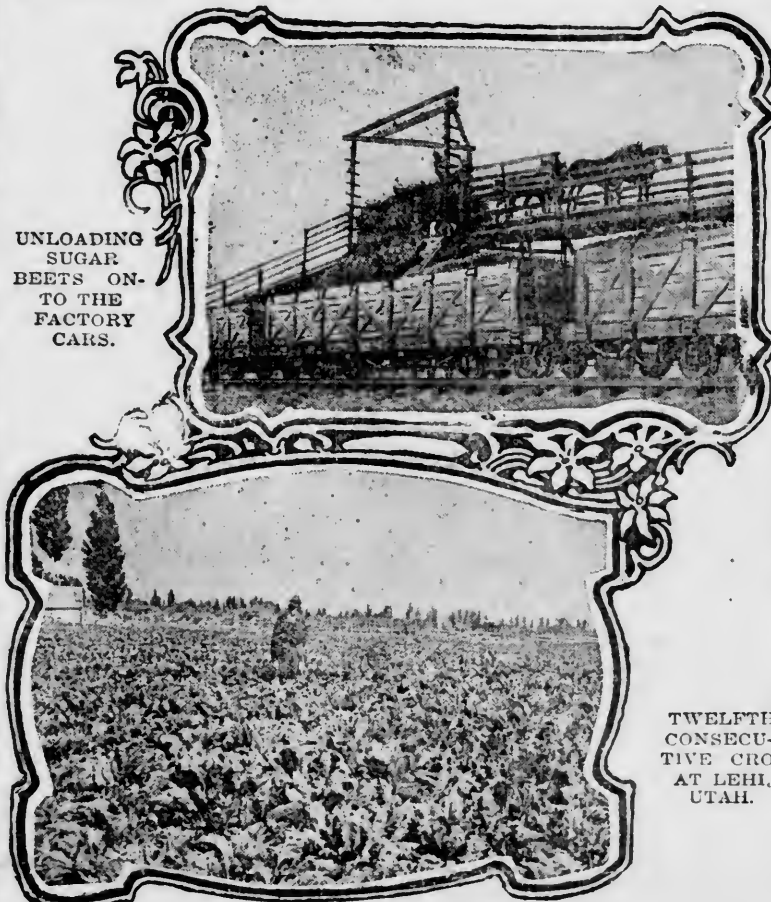
Congress has just received the annual report of Special Agent Charles F. Saylor of the Department of Agriculture on the status of the beet-sugar industry for last year. Fifty-two beet-sugar factories were in operation, 5 were standing idle, and 12 were being constructed for operation this

This showing of the Department of Agriculture, while it makes a comparatively small inroad upon the vast consumption of sugar in the more densely populated region east of the Mississippi, yet indicates that the young beet-sugar industry is making substantial progress, and that considering the uncertainty of legislation and the great cost of beet-sugar factory investments, very satisfactory advances are being made in this new American enterprise.

TEN ACRE FARMS.

Pending Bill Allows Government to Cut up Homesteads into Small Tracts.

The tendency of the times is to encourage better farming and in smaller areas. It is coming to be recognized that the proportion is small of farms which are thoroughly tilled and made



UNLOADING SUGAR BEETS ON TO THE FACTORY CARS.

TWELFTH CONSECUTIVE CROP AT LEHI, UTAH.

year. The factories last year had a total capacity for slicing 40,000 tons of beets daily.

In the acreage planted and the sugar manufactured from beets Colorado leads, having invested \$5,000 acres and manufactured 91,000 tons of sugar. Michigan came second in acreage with 77,000 acres, but third in sugar with 66,000 tons. California grew 51,000 acres and produced 73,000 tons of sugar. The next states in order were respectively Utah, Idaho, Nebraska and Wisconsin with a total of 71,000 acres and 64,000 tons of sugar. Other states grew 17,000 acres of beets, producing about 17,000 tons of sugar, or a total for the United States of 307,364 acres with a production of 312,920 tons of sugar.

RAPID GROWTH LOOKED FOR.

Indications are favorable, the report states, to the further growth of this pursuit, both in irrigation and rainfall districts. "The industry is proving to be a powerful aid to commercial, agricultural and industrial development. It promotes irrigation, immigration, land settlement, the building of railroads and trolley lines, the making of other improvements, and the upbuilding of various industrial enterprises. Such results can only be appreciated by those who have visited the factory districts in Colorado, Utah and Idaho, or in other newly settled and improved areas throughout the West. The beneficial effect of the industry is also shown in the better settled, more highly developed agricultural districts of the East, where, after beets have been given a proper trial in competition with established crops, they are demonstrating their staying qualities and potency in industrial development."

GROWS MORE THAN IT EATS.

One feature of this report is a series of tables accompanied with outline maps designed to show graphically the magnitude of sugar production in that part of the country lying west of the Mississippi River. These indicate that the estimated production of sugar west of the Mississippi in 1906 will exceed by 24,000 tons the amount of sugar consumed in the same area in 1900 (the latest year for which we have reliable census figures). The estimate of production for 1906 is made by assuming that all the beet-sugar factories, including 10 new ones, will run at their full capacity for campaigns of 100 days, and that the cane sugar product for 1906 will be the same as that of last year.

TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN STATES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

	Pounds.
Estimated cane sugar, 1906.	696,880,000
Estimated beet sugar, 1906.	783,200,000
Estimated total sugar produced, 1906.	1,480,080,000
Total sugar consumed, 1900.	1,433,929,505
Excess of production over consumption.	46,150,495

The amount of beet-sugar which will be produced in factories east of the Mississippi during this year, if run at their full capacity, will also equal about 17 per cent. of the consumption of sugar in the trans-Mississippi area.

to produce the maximum yield of which the land is capable. A few years ago the man who would have said that 10 acres of farm land was a sufficient area for a man to make a good living from would have been looked upon as a crank. Now there are thousands of little 10 acre and even 5 acre farms from which men are making more money than many others are from attempting to till 20 times that amount. That 10 acres, under favorable conditions, will produce a living is recognized in a bill which has just been passed by the House of Representatives and which will likely be passed by the Senate at this session. It is an amendment to the National Irrigation Law. Under that law the homestead entry upon public land irrigated by the government ranges from 40 to 160 acres, to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, according to the conditions of the reclamation. It was recognized, at the time of the passage of the law in '02, that in some sections of the country 40 acres was an ample area for a farm. It is now seen, and admitted in the bill above mentioned, that 10 acres is not too small a subdivision under favorable conditions. Another amendment was recently made to the irrigation law allowing the government to establish town-sites and divide the land thereunder into various sized tracts ranging from town-lots to 10 acre allotments. When this bill which is now before the Senate becomes a law it will therefore be possible for the government, in any of its irrigation projects to divide and subdivide its land into town and farm units ranging all the way from lots up to 160 acre farms.

MODEL RURAL SETTLEMENTS.

This plan will doubtless develop some of the finest examples of prosperous rural communities to be found anywhere in the world. Many of the best developed sections of some of the western states include great numbers of little farms and fruit ranches of 5, 10 and 20 acres each, where the appearance is almost like the outskirts of a village. With such a dense rural population there is an ideal combination of practically all the advantages to be found in city life and the splendid results of country work and living. Houses, in such a community, are almost within a stone-throw of each other, the population is sufficiently large to support splendid roads, good school and churches, water and lighting improvements, good sewerage, etc. Thus the loneliness, the isolation and the many unattractive features of the big farm disappear while yet the joys and the wholesomeness of country life are all present.

The report accompanying this bill states that since the passage of the irrigation act, it has developed that on some of the lands to be irrigated, particularly those in fruit and truck farming districts, less than 40 acres is needed for the support of the family, and in fact experience has demonstrated that the average farmer is more prosperous on a small than on a large irrigated farm. In view of this condition of affairs it has been deemed wise to reduce to 10 acres the minimum entry which may be allowed.



CHAPTER I.

The great bell of Beaulieu was ringing. Far away through the forest might be heard its musical clangor and swell. Foot cutters on Blackdown and fishers upon the Exe heard the distant throbbing and falling upon the sultry summer air. It was a common sound in those parts—as common as the chatter of the jays and the booming of the bittens. Yet the fishers and the peasants raised their heads and looked questions at each other, for the Angelus had already gone and Vespers were still far off. Why should the great bell of Beaulieu toll when the shadows were neither . . . nor long?

All round the Abbey the monks were trooping in. Under the long, green-paved avenues of gnarled oaks and of lichened beeches the white-robed brothers gathered to the sound. It had been no sudden call. A swift messenger had the night before sped round to the outlying dependencies of the Abbey, and had left the summons for every monk to be back in the cloisters by the third hour after noon-tide. So urgent a message had not been issued within the memory of old Lay-Brother Athanasius, who had cleaned the knocker since the year after the Battle of Bannockburn.

Meanwhile, in the broad and lofty chamber set apart for occasions of import, the Abbot himself was pacing impatiently backward and forward, with his long, white, nervous hands clasped in front of him. His thin, thought-worn features and sunken, haggard cheeks bespoke one who had indeed beaten down that inner foe whom every man must face, but had none the less suffered sorely in the contest. In crushing his passions he had well-nigh crushed himself. Yet, frail as was his person, there gleamed out ever and anon from under his drooping brows a flash of fierce energy which recalled to men's minds that he came of a fighting stock, and that even now his twin brother, Sir Bartholomew Berghersh, was one of the most famous of those stern warriors who had planted the Cross of St. George before the gates of Paris. With lips compressed and clouded brow, he strode up and down the oaken floor, the very impersonation of asceticism, while the great bell still thundered and clanged above his head. At last the uproar died away in three last measured throbs, and ere their echo had ceased the Abbot struck a small gong which summoned a lay-brother to his presence.

"Where is the master of the novices?"

"He is without, most holy father."

"Send him hither."

The scuffled feet clattered over the wooden floor, and the iron-bound door creaked upon its hinges. In a few moments it opened again to admit a short, square monk with a heavy, composed face and authoritative manner.

"You have sent for me, holy father?"

"Yes, Brother Jerome, I wish that this matter be disposed of with as little scandal as may be; and yet it is needful that the example should be a public one."

"It would perchance be best that the novices be not admitted," suggested the master. "This mention of a woman may turn their minds from their pious meditations to worldly and evil thoughts."

"Woman! woman!" groaned the Abbot. "Well has the holy Chrys-

ostom termed them radix malorum. From Eve downward, what good hath come from any of them? Who brings the plaint?"

"It is Brother Ambrose."

"A holy and devout young man."

"A light and a pattern to every novice."

"Let the matter be brought to an issue, then, according to our old-time monastic habit. Bid the chancellor and the sub-chancellor lead in the brothers according to age, together with Brother John the accused and Brother Ambrose the accuser."

"And the novices?"

"Let them bide in the north alley of the cloister. Stay! Bid the sub-chancellor send out to them Thomas the lector to read unto them from the 'Gesta beati Benedicti.' It may save them from foolish and pernicious babbling."

The Abbot was left to himself once more, and bent his thin gray face over his illuminated breviary. So he remained while the senior monks filed slowly and sedately into the chamber, seating themselves upon the long oaken benches which lined the wall on either side. At the further end, in two high chairs as large as that of the Abbot, though hardly so elaborately carved, sat the master of the novices and the chancellor, the latter a broad and portly priest, with dark, mirthful eyes and a thick outgrowth of crisp black hair all round his tanned head. Between them stood a lean, white-faced brother who appeared to be ill at ease, shifting his feet from side to side and tapping his chin with the long parchment roll which he held in his hand. The Abbot, from his point of vantage, looked down on the two long lines of faces, placid and sun-browned for the most part, with the large bovine eyes and unlined features



HORRIBLE JOHN.

which told of their easy, unchanging existence. Then he turned his eager gaze upon the pale-faced monk who faced him.

"This plaint is thine, as I learn, Brother Ambrose," said he. "Bring in Brother John, and let him hear the plaints urged against him."

At this order a lay-brother swung open the door, and two other lay-brothers entered, leading between them a young novice of the order. He was a man of huge stature, dark-eyed and red-headed, with a peculiar half-humorous, half-defiant expression upon his bold, well-marked features.

His cowl was thrown back upon his shoulders, and his gown, unfastened



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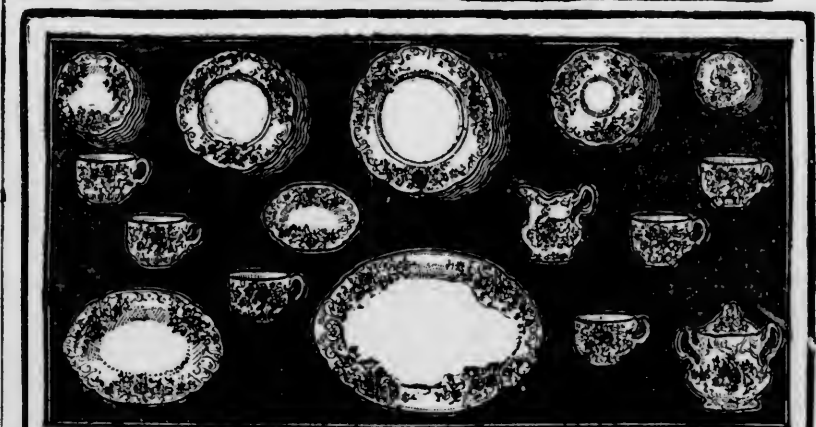
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at the top, disclosed a round sinewy neck, ruddy and corded like the bark of the fir. Thick muscular arms, covered with a reddish down, protruded from the wide sleeves of his habit, while his white shirt, looped up upon one side, gave a glimpse of a huge knotty leg, scarred and torn with the scratches of brambles. With a bow to the Abbot, which had in it perhaps more plesantry than reverence, the novice strode across to the carved prie-dieu which had been set apart for him, and stood silent and erect, with his hand upon the gold bell which was used in the private prisons of the Abbot's own household. His dark eyes glanced rapidly over the assembly, and finally settled with a grim and menacing twinkle upon the face of his accuser.

The chamberlain rose, and having slowly unrolled the parchment-roll, proceeded to read it out in a thick and pompous voice, while a subdued rustle and movement among the brothers bespoke the interest with which they followed the proceedings.

"Charges brought upon the second Thursday after the feast of the Assumption, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and sixty-six, against Brother John, formerly known as Hordle John, or John of Hordle, but now a novice in the holy monastic order of the Cistercians. Read upon the same day at the Abbey of Beaulieu in the presence of the most reverend Abbot Berghersh and of the assembled order.

"The charges against the said Brother John are the following, namely, to wit:

"First, that on the above-mentioned feast of the Assumption, small beer having been served to the novices in the proportion of one quart to each four, the said Brother John did drain the pot at one draught, to the detriment of Brother Paul, Brother Porphyry, and Brother Ambrose, who could scarce eat their none-meat of salted stock-fish, on account of their exceeding earnestness."

At this solemn indictment the novice raised his hand and twitched his lip, while even the placid senior brothers glanced across at each other and coughed to cover their amusement. The Abbot alone sat gray and immutable, with a drawn face and a brooding eye.

"Item, that having been told by the master of the novices that he should restrict his food for two days to a single three-pound loaf of bran and beans, for the greater honoring and glorifying of St. Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, he was heard by brother Ambrose and others to say

at your eyes were upon your sandals, how came ye to see this sin of which ye prate? A week in your cell, a false brethren, a week of rye bread and lentils, with double Lauds and double Matins, may help ye to a remembrance of the laws under which ye live."

At this sudden outburst of wrath the two witnesses sank their faces on their chests, and sat as men crushed. The Abbot turned his angry eyes away from them and bent them upon the accused, who met his searching gaze with a firm and composed face.

"What hast thou to say, Brother John, upon these weighty things which are urged against thee?"

"Little enough, good father, little enough!" said the novice. "For the matter of the ale, I had come in hot from the fields and had scarce got the taste of the thing before mine eye lit upon the bottom of the pot. It may be, too, that I spoke somewhat shortly concerning the bran and the beans, the same being poor provender and unfitted for a man of my inches. It may be also that I did lay my hands upon this jack-fool of a Brother Ambrose, though, as you can see, I did him little scath. As regards the maid, too, it is true that I did heft her over the stream, she having on her hosen and shoon, whilst I had but my wooden sandals, which could take no hurt from the water. I should have thought shame upon my manhood, as well as my monkhood, if I had held back my hand from her." He glanced around as he spoke, with the half-amused look which he had worn during the whole proceedings.

"There is no need to go further," said the Abbot. "He has confessed to all. It only remains for me to portion out the punishment which is due to his evil conduct."

He rose and the two long lines of brothers followed his example, looking sideways with scared faces at the angry prelate.

"John of Hordle," he thundered, "you have shown yourself during the two months of your novitiate to be a recreant monk, and one who is unworthy to wear the white garb which is the outer symbol of the spotless spirit. That dress shall therefore be stripped from thee, and thou shalt be cast into the outer world without benefit of clerkship, and without lot or part in the graces and blessings of those who dwell under the care of this blessed Benedict. Thou shalt come back neither to Beaulieu nor to any of the granges of Beaulieu, and thy name shall be struck off the scrolls of the order."

The sentence appeared a terrible one to the older monks, who had become so used to the safe and regular life of the Abbey that they would have been as helpless as children in the outer world. From their pious oasis they looked dreamily out at the desert of life—a place full of stormings and strivings, comfortless, restless, and

assurrection so sudden, so short, and so successful. Yet the Abbot Berghersh was a man of too firm a grain to allow one bold outbreak to imperil the settled order of his great household. In a few hot and bitter words he compared their false brethren's exit to the expulsion of our first parents from the garden, and more than hinted that unless a reformation occurred some others of the community might find themselves in the same evil and perilous case. Having thus pointed the moral and reduced his flock to a fitting state of docility, he dismissed them once more to their labors and withdrew himself to his own private chamber, there to seek spiritual aid in the discharge of the duties of his high office.

The Abbot was still on his knees, when a gentle tapping at the door of his cell broke in upon his orisons. Rising in no very good humor at the interruption, he gave the word to enter; but his look of impatience softened down into a pleasant and paternal smile as his eyes fell upon his visitor.

He was a thin-faced, yellow-haired youth, rather above the middle size, comely and well shaven, with straight light figure and eager, boyish features. His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a nature which had unfolded far from the boisterous joys and sorrows of the world. Yet there was a set of the mouth and a prominence of the chin which relieved him of any trace of effeminacy. Impulsive he might be, enthusiastic, sensitive, with something sympathetic and adaptive in his disposition; but an observer of nature's tokens would have confidently pledged himself that there was native firmness and strength underlying his gentle, monk-bred ways.

The youth was not clad in monastic garb, but in lay attire, though his jerkin, cloak and hose were all of a sombre hue, as befitted one who dwelt in sacred precincts. A broad leather strap hanging from his shoulder supported a scrip or satchel such as travelers were wont to carry. In one hand he grasped a thick staff pointed and shod with metal, while in the other he held his coil of bonnet, which bore in its front a broad pewter medallion stamped with the image of Our Lady of Rocamadour.

"Art ready, then, fair son?" said the Abbot. "This is indeed a day of comings and goings. It is strange that in one twelve hours the Abbey should have cast off its foulest weed, and should now lose what we are fain to look upon as our choicest blossom."

"You speak too kindly, father," the youth answered. "If I had my will I should never go forth, but should end my days here in Beaulieu. It hath been my home as far back as my mind can carry me, and it is a sore thing for me to have to leave it."

"Life brings many a cross," said the Abbot gently. "Who is without them? Your going forth is a grief to us as



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WITH A SHOUT HE TORE UP THE HEAVY OAKEN PRIEDIEU.

that he wished twenty thousand devils would fly away with the said Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, or any other saint who came between a man and his meat. Item, that upon Brother Ambrose reproving him for his blasphemous wish, he did hold the said brother face downward over the piscatorium or fish-pond for a space during which the said brother was able to repeat a Pater and four Aves for the better fortifying of his soul against impending death."

There was a buzz and murmur among the white-frocked brethren at this grave charge; but the Abbot held up his long quivering hand. "What then?" said he.

"Item, that between Nones and Vespers on the feast of James the Less the said Brother John was observed upon the Brokenhurst road, near the spot which is known as Hatchett's Pond, in converse with a person of the other sex, being a maiden of the name of Mary Sowley, the daughter of the king's verdere, item, that after sundry lapes and jokes the said Brother John did lift up the said Mary Sowley and did take, carry, and convey her across a stream, to the infinite relish of the devil and the exceeding detriment of his own soul, which scandalous and wilful falling away was witnessed by three members of our order."

A dead silence throughout the room, with a rolling of heads and upturning of eyes, bespoke the pious horror of the community. The Abbot drew his gray brows low over his fiercely questioning eyes.

"Who can vouch for this thing?" he asked.

"That can I," answered the accuser, "who can Brother Porphyry, who Spith me, and Brother Mark of the stream, who hath been so much sighted inwardly to be in a fever through he now lies in a fever."

"And th?"

"Did she roman?" asked the Abbot, and woe th, break into lamentation mean himself brother should so de- "Nay, she is, and thanked him sweetly upon him so can Brother John vouch it, and "Canst thou?" "Why?" "A big, tempestuous" the Abbot, in thou so? Hast thou?" "Canst and-thirtieth rule of in that the five- in the presence of a order is that should be ever averted, and the face cast down? Hast thou, I, I say?"

overshadowed by evil. The young novice, however, appeared to have other thoughts, for his eyes sparkled and his smile broadened. It needed but to add fresh fuel to the fiery mood of the prelate.

"So much for thy spiritual punishment!" he cried. "But it is to the grosser feelings that we must turn in such natures as thine, and as thou art no longer under the shield of holy Church there is the less difficulty. Ho, there! lay-brothers—Francis, Nami, Joseph—seize him and bind his arms! Drag him forth, and let the foresters and the porters scourge him from the precincts!"

As these three brothers advanced toward him to carry out the Abbot's direction the smile faded from the novice's face, like a bull at a baiting. Then, with a sudden deep-chested shout, he tore up the heavy oaken prie-dieu and poised it to strike, taking two steps backward the while, that none might take him at advantage.

"By the black rod of Waltham!" he roared, "if any knave among you lays a finger-end upon the edge of my gown, I will crush his skull like a flint-berth!" With his thick knotted arms, his thundering voice, and his bristle of red hair, there was something so repellent in the man that the three brothers flew back at the very glare of him; and the two rows of white monks strained away from him like noplars in the tempest. The Abbot only sprang forward with shining eyes; but the chancellor and the master of the novices either arm and wrestled him out of danger's way.

"He is possessed of a devil," they shouted. "Run, Brother Ambrose, Brother Joachim! Call Hugh of the Mill, and Woodman Wat, and Raoul with his arbalest and bolts! Tell them that we are in fear of our lives! Run, run, for the love of the Virgin!"

But the novice was a strategist as well as a man of action. Springing forward, he hurled his unwieldy weapon at Brother Ambrose, and as monk and monk clattered on to the floor together, he sprang through the open door and down the winding stair. Sleepy old Brother Athanasius, at the porter's call, had a feeling vision of twinkling feet and flying skirts; but before he had time to rub his eyes the recreant had passed the lodge, and was speeding as fast as his sandals could patter along the Lyndhurst road.

CHAPTER II. Never had the peaceful atmosphere of the old Cistercian house been so rudely ruffled. Never had there been

well as yourself. But there is no help. I had given my foreword and sacred promise to your father Edric the Franklin, that at the age of twenty you should be sent out into the world to see for yourself how you liked the savor of it. Seat thee upon the settle, Alleyn, for you may need rest ere long."

The youth sat down as directed, but reluctantly and with diffidence. The Abbot stood by the narrow window, and his long, black shadow fell slantwise across the rushstrewn floor. "Twenty years ago," he said, "your father, the Franklin of Minstead, died, leaving to his heirs three hides of rich land in the hundred of Malwood, and leaving to us also his infant son on condition that we should rear him until he came to man's estate. This he did partly because your father was dead, and partly because your elder brother, now Socman of Minstead, I dare already given signs of that fierce and rude nature which would make him no fit companion for you. It was his desire and request, however, that you should not remain in the cloisters, but should at a ripe age return to the world. Whither will you first turn?"

"To my brother's at Minstead," he replied. "He is indeed an ungodly and violent man there is the more need that I should turn him out and see whether I cannot turn him to better ways."

The Abbot shook his head. The Socman of Minstead had earned a name. "If you must go to him, see at evil name over the country-side," he least that he doth not turn you to the narrow path upon which you have learned to tread. But you are in God's keeping and Godward should you ever look in danger and in trouble. Above all, shun the snares of women, for they are ever set for the foolish feet of the young. Kneel, my child, and take God's blessing."

then, with a lighter heart and a stouter courage than the young man turned from the Abbot's room, while the latter, following him to the stair-head, finally commended him to the protection of the holy Julian, patron of travelers.

Underneath, in the porch of the Abbey, the monks had gathered to give him a last God-speed. Many had brought some parting token by which he should remember them. There was Brother Bartholomew with a crucifix of rare carved ivory, and Brother Luke with a white-backed psalter adorned with golden beads, and Brother Francis with the "Slayin' of the Innocents" most daintily etched upon vellum. All these were duly packed away deep in the traveller's scrip, and above them old pippin-faced Brother Athanasius had placed a parcel of stinnet bread and rammel cheese, with a small flask of the famous blue-sealed Abbey wine. So, amid handshakings and laughings and blessings, Alleyn Edricson turned his back upon Beaulieu.

At the turn of the road he stopped and gazed back. There was the wide-spread building which he knew so well, the Abbot's house, the long church, the cloisters with their line of arches, all bathed and mellowed in the evening sun. There too was the broad sweep of the river Exe, the old stone well, the canopied niche of the Virgin, and in the centre of it, the cluster of white-robed figures who waved their hands to him. A sudden mist swam up before the young man's eyes, and he turned away upon his journey with a heavy heart and a choking throat.

It is not, however, in the nature of things that a lad of twenty, young life glowing in his veins and all the wide world before him, should spend his first hours of freedom in mourning of what he had left. Long ere Alleyn was out of sound of the Beaulieu bells he was striding sturdily along, swinging his staff and whistling as merrily as the birds in the thicket.

The road along which he travelled was scarce as populous as most other roads in the kingdom, and far less so than those which lie between the larger towns. Yet from time to time the boy met other wayfarers, and more than once was overtaken by strings of pack-mules and horsemen journeying in the same direction as himself.

The night had already fallen, and the moon was shining behind the rifts of ragged, drifting clouds, before Alleyn Edricson, footsore and weary from the unwonted exercise found himself in front of the forest inn, which stood upon the outskirts of Lyndhurst. The building was long and low, standing back a little from the road, with two flambeaux blazing on either side of the door as a welcome to the traveller. From one window there thrust forth a long pole with a bunch of greenery tied to the end of it—a sign that liquor was to be sold within. As Alleyn walked up to it he perceived that it was rudely fashioned out of beams of wood, with twinkling lights all over where the glow from within shone through the chinks. The roof was poor and thatched; but in strange contrast to it there ran all along under the eaves a line of wooden shields, most gorgeously painted with chevrons, bend, and saltire and every heraldic device. By the door a horse stood tethered, the ruddy glow beating strongly upon his brown head and patient eyes, while his body stood back in the shadow.

Alleyn stood still in the roadway for a few minutes, reflecting upon what he should do. It was, he knew, only a few miles further to Minstead, where his brother dwelt. On the other hand, he had never seen this brother since childhood, and the reports which had come to his ears concerning him were seldom to his advantage. By all accounts he was a hard and a bitter man. It might be an evil start to come to his door so late and claim the shelter of his roof. Better to sleep here at this inn, and then travel on to Minstead in the morning. If his brother would take him in, well and good. He would bide with him for a time and do what he might to serve him. If, on the other hand, he should have hardened his heart against him, he could begin by making a friend of his brother, he had best wait until morning before he knocked at his dwelling.

The rude plank door of the inn was ajar, but as Alleyn approached it there came from within such a gust of roguish laughter and c-tter of tongues that he stood irresolute upon the threshold. Summoning courage, however, and reflecting that it was a public dwelling, in which he had as much right as any other man, he pushed it open and stepped into the common room.

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DOUBLE AMERICA'S COTTON CROP.

Startling Results of Patient Experiments by Government Agriculturists.

GUY ELLIOTT MITCHELL

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With the cotton crop of the United States reaching an annual value of nearly \$600,000,000 it is easy to see that the man who can make it worth four or five cents a pound more to the grower will put a few dollars of spending money into the pockets of the southern planters.

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ORDINARY COTTON STAPLE. SELECTED AND IMPROVED COTTON.

tural Department is certain. But there are always the factors of ignorance, indifference and prejudice to be reckoned with, and that will hold down the grand total of the advance.

This is human nature. Otherwise every one would be raising thoroughbred stock, cats and chickens, which cost no more to feed and rear than scrubs, but everyone does not breed thoroughbreds, whether they be dogs or cows, and so it is a certainty that when the average of the cotton crop is vastly improved by the use of better seed there will be a large number of planters who are sticking to the old methods and complaining because they find it hard to make a living.

SEVERAL NEW STRAINS.

It is a fact, however, that the Department of Agriculture has, by several years of persistent work, bred from the old varieties of cotton raised in the south several new strains of cotton that, while having all the desirable qualities of the old types, produce a staple that is almost a half longer. It is just one branch of the general industry of plant breeding, and the result, as shown by the cotton itself combed out in fleecy whiteness on a black card, is a striking object lesson in the possibilities of plant breeding.

The Department has been at the work for some years, and in the course of its experiments has handled thousands of samples and hundreds of thousands of individual plants in making the selections that are now considered good enough to be sent out as new fixed types. The story of this improvement is a long one, interspersed with many disappointments. But the result now is success beyond contradiction. Northerners, people who live outside the cotton belt, do not realize just what a long staple cotton grown on the uplands means. Cotton is our principal export crop. It is the second most valuable crop grown in the United States, corn coming first. It is the principal crop of ten states, and in large areas of these states it is almost the only crop grown. The United States furnishes five-sixths of the cotton crop of the whole world, and while there are great areas, especially in Africa, that are adaptable to cotton, there is no prospect that the United States will be overtaken as a producer for many years to come. The world's consumption of cotton and the consequent demand are increasing steadily, so that there is little prospect of over-production. All these things are in our favor. Then comes the question of improving this great crop. Outsiders do not realize that an eighth of an inch on the length of the

more like the old upland cotton than it is like Egyptian or Sea Island.

SEEDS OF NEW TYPES.

The parent types from which it has been evolved are listed and eared in the department's collection, and each year as the fresh crops come in from the improved fields their output is eared for comparison. These new types have now reached a point where the department feels justified in sending out the new seed to the farmers. And if the farmers will take a little trouble and spend practically no money at all, they will be able to keep up the improved strains so that in a few years the American cotton crop will have been doubled in value without necessarily expanding by a single acre.

It has been tedious work, and has been carried on systematically. "Score cards" such as are used in judging at stock shows are kept. The records of the individual plants are known, the shape and opening qualities of the bolls, the date of maturing, the length and firmness of the cotton fiber and the degree to which the parent plant may be depended upon to transmit its desirable qualities to its progeny. The work has been done in the open field and not in the carefully tended plots of the experiment stations. Thousands of plants have been destroyed each year, and only the best types kept. These have again been weeded out the following year, and only the best of the breed have been kept. The farmers who have been co-operating with the department in the work have been as a rule careful, enthusiastic and painstaking under the direction of the experts sent into the field by the department, and slowly but surely the length of the staple and other desirable qualities in the new cotton have increased, till the department now feels it has a new and fixed type that can be depended on to perpetuate its desirable qualities.

One thing that has been carefully observed is to keep growing the new types on the ground where they will be cultivated commercially. There are several new strains adapted to slightly different conditions of soil and climate. It has been found in the case of wheat, for example, that a strain may be improved in one locality, and that by moving it to new surroundings it shows little, if any, improvement over the local type. This error has been avoided with the new



A COTTON PLANT IMPROVED BY SELECTION.

cotton, and the department not only knows the seed that will give best results, but the condition of soil and climate that are best suited to the requirements of each strain.

IF FARMERS WILL HELP.

The farmers at large can help greatly in keeping up the work that has been given a practical start by the department. There are simple methods of seed selection that will insure a steady improvement in each successive crop, and that will prevent the crops from deteriorating. The selection of seed takes a little care and intelligence, but it is not deeply abstruse work, and the department has reduced it to simple directions that are easy for any planter to follow.

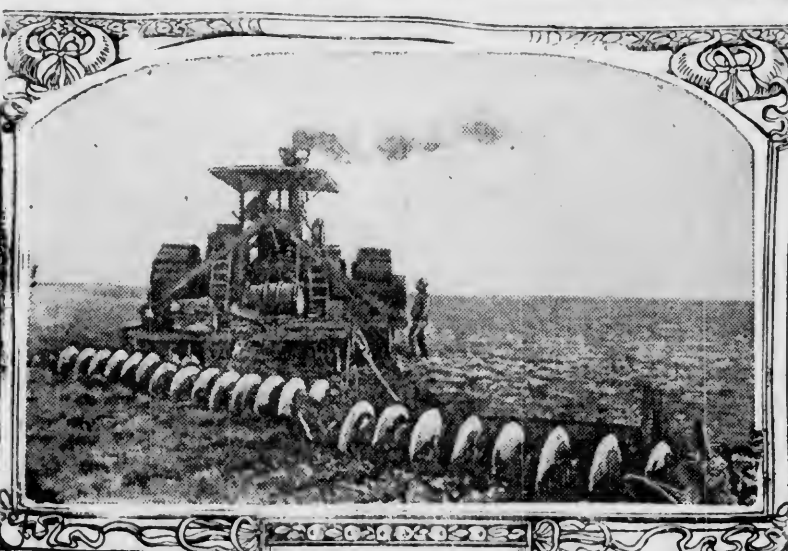
The "cotton belt," so called, in the United States is clearly defined. Cotton

and if the planters will co-operate with the department to even a reasonable degree the value of the whole cotton crop in the United States can be vastly enhanced without planting a single additional acre, and there will still be enough land available in the cotton belt to assure the United States of its supremacy in the cotton world for many years to come.

Cream Separator on the Farm.

It has been only a few years since the manufacturers of separators brought out hand machines with the definite purposes of making them popular and selling them in large numbers, says the Farmer's Wife in a well considered editorial. From that time to this they have gained friends, and now it is rare to hear anyone say anything against them, and when this does happen one may be sure it comes from some person who has been injured by their use, and this is never the man who provides.

The hand separator has so many advantages over the creamery separator that the whole creamery business is being revolutionized and re-



DISK PLOW DRAWN BY TRACTION ENGINE.

modeled because of these handy little machines.

It is hard to find a place to begin to enumerate their advantages. In the item of traveling to the creamery there is a great saving. Where the dairy owner has one of these machines, he need not go to the creamery more than three times a week in the warm weather and twice in a week during the colder months.

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UNITED STATES RECLAMATION.

Plowing by Co-Operative Traction Engines.

By C. J. Blanchard.

A million acres will be added to the cultivatable area of the country during the next three years, under the various government irrigation projects. Most of this acreage is raw land upon which the plow has never turned a furrow. Thousands of new settlers will be located there and for several years the principal work will be clearing, leveling, and plowing, to prepare the land to receive the water.

Over vast stretches the sage brush is the only vegetation. In other places the bunch grass makes a tough sod, unyielding and hard to break. The subjugation to agriculture of this new empire has attracted the attention of the manufacturers of implements and machinery. They see in this work a virgin field for the products of their factories. As most of the settlers going upon this land are not in affluent circumstances, and as feed for stock will be scarce and costly, any proposition which will eliminate the necessity for the purchase of horses, plows and forage will naturally prove interesting.

It has occurred to the writer that in

men than he in the service, but he stuck to them through thick and thin and they appreciate it." The frequency with which men state this as a reason for success is significant. It shows that the man of the hour is the faithful man, the man who makes his employers' interests his own and whose loyalty never wavers.

Associated more or less with all these requisites and overshadowing them all is hard work. "For this," said President James J. Hill of the Great Northern Railroad Company, "there is no substitute." You may be lacking in ability, in personality or some other way and still succeed; but if you have not the capacity for hard work you are doomed to failure.

Study the lives of great men and you will see in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, their achievements are due to the possession of this capacity. William E. Corey, the president of the United States Steel Corporation, attributes his first success to "not being afraid to do \$2 worth of work for \$1." When a laborer he wheeled so much more iron than the other workmen that he was soon made foreman over them. The words "hard work" come nearer to holding the key to success than volumes of advice.

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HOW TO HOLD A POSITION.

Courtesy, Promptness, Loyalty and Hard Work Are Keys to Success in Business.

By H. J. HAPGOOD.

President of Hapgoods.

How to hold a position? Do just as little work as you possibly can; take no interest in the business; curse the injustice of your employers when you see younger men advanced over your head. By following these rules you may hold a position ten years, but the salary paid you and the responsibility placed upon you will be little if any greater than when you started.

But by holding a position we mean something broader and better than this. We mean constantly increasing your employer's satisfaction, steadily developing higher ability and surely advancing to larger and greater responsibility.

My subject is then really "success in business," and this, like success of any kind, is "untaught and unteachable." There are, however, certain valuable hints to be gained by studying the careers of men who have succeeded. Although the paths by which these men have won success are widely different, there are certain features which stand out prominently in all of them. These I believe to be the essentials for business success—promptness, courtesy, loyalty, hard work.

Promptness is the key note in this age of haste. Opportunity waits for nobody, and the man who is always a little behind time is playing a losing game. "Always there with the goods" is one of the highest tributes that can be paid a modern business man. "Having the goods" is the first consideration, but this will avail little if you are not always there with them when wanted.

In this connection a good story is told of Philip D. Armour and a young man who had just begun work for him. When on the first morning the young man reached the office at 9 o'clock, he found his employer already there at work. The next morning at 8:30 and the following morning at 8 o'clock it was the same. At last, determined for once to be there first, the new clerk was there at 7 o'clock. When he walked into the office Mr. Armour looked up from his desk and grinningly inquired: "Young man, where do you spend your forenoons?"

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In the army and navy loyalty is an essential for success and it is no less so in the business world. Enthusiasm and loyalty go hand in hand; a man cannot be really interested in his work unless he has an employer to whom he is loyal. "There are many brighter

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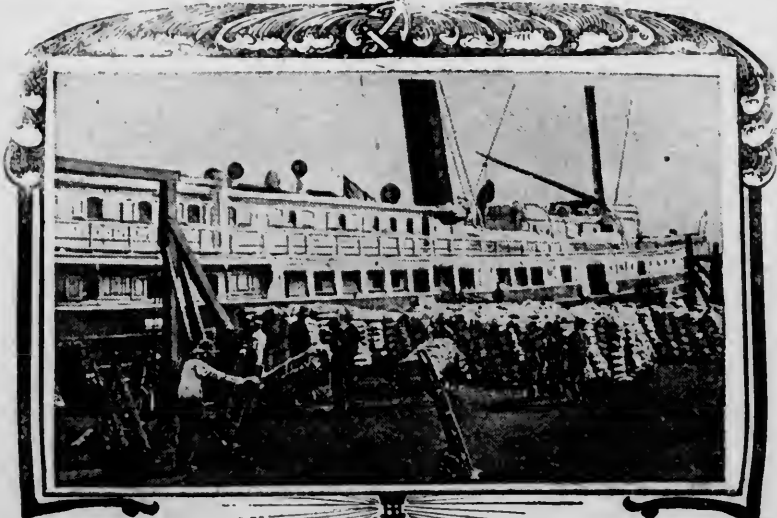
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ton is planted over the whole of it so that there is no large addition of range to the plant likely. It is true that the acreage within the belt could possibly be doubled, but that is not the thing the department is after. Good cotton land now yields 400 to 800 pounds to the acre. What the department would like is to see this yield doubled in value and in quantity. The foundation for this increase is now firmly laid,